

MINUTES
FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
Diamondhead, Mississippi

Diamondhead Country Club
February 20, 2012
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1. **Call to Order**—The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 1:01pm.
2. **Invocation**—Mayor
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**—Mayor
4. **Roll Call**—Present: Ingraham, Ackerman, Holcomb, Knobloch, Rech, Roberson
5. **Approval of Minutes—February 6, 2012**—The Mayor indicated that the first meeting of City Council was not completed until February 16 and that the minutes for the first meeting were not available. Councilmember Roberson moved, seconded by Councilmember Holcomb, to remove the item from the agenda. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were removed from the Agenda.
6. **Communications/Announcements from the Mayor and Council**
The Mayor indicated that he had been invited to the grand opening of the Public Safety Complex at 4:00pm on Thursday, February 23, 2012.

The Mayor appointed Councilmember Holcomb as Mayor Pro Tem during his absence for the period of February 25 through March 3, 2012.

7. **Presentations / Appointments**
 - a. Councilmember Roberson moved, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, that Peter A. Kolf be appointed City Treasurer. Following the unanimous vote, Mr. Kolf was sworn in. (Attachment A) It was noted by the Mayor that Mr. Kolf has agreed to serve as Treasurer with no compensation.
 - b. Councilmember Holcomb moved, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, to appoint the Interim City Clerk as the Acting City Manager during the absence of the City Manager for the period of February 25-March 3. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.
8. **City Manager's Report**—
The City Manager reported on the following items: 1) Formal notification to twenty State, County, and Local Agencies; 2) Inter-Local Agreements in process; 3) Establishment of an Interim City Office; and 4) Establishment of a Financial System.
9. **Docket of Claims**
No docket of claims at this time.
10. **Citizens Wishing to Address Council, Agenda Items:** 1) Mark Duffy requested information on the qualifications for the proposed planning commission. He also indicated that he felt that the Treasurer should receive compensation if the Mayor and City Council were receiving compensation. The Mayor indicated that the Mayor, all Councilmembers, City Manager, City Clerk, and the Receptionists are not being compensated at this time. The City Manager asked Mr. Duffy should contact him if he were interested in a position with the proposed Planning Commission. Councilmember Ackerman indicated if money was to be paid to the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, City Clerk, etc., it would be included in the city budget which would be available for the public to see.

CONSENT AGENDA*

Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to approve items 11a and 11b of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution to Provide for the Participation of the City of Diamondhead in the Mississippi Municipal Liability Plan Initially to Join in Such Plan; and to Authorize the Mayor to Expend Funds to the City of Diamondhead to Contribute to the Plan as to Public Official, automobile, Law Enforcement and General Liability Coverages. And Subsequently at the option of the City of Diamondhead to Participate in the Plan for Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability, Property and Employee Benefits
- b. An Inter-Local Agreement with Mississippi Municipal Liability Plan.

12. OLD BUSINESS None

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA (if needed)

13. **Ordinances and/or Resolutions pulled from the Consent Agenda**
None

REGULAR AGENDA

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Motion to Join the Mississippi Municipal League
Councilmember Ackerman moved, seconded by Councilmember Holcomb, that the City of Diamondhead join the Mississippi Municipal League. The Mayor noted that Mississippi Municipal League has agreed to forebear the yearly fee of \$2,828 until such time as the funds are available. Councilmember Ackerman noted that in order for the city to participate in the Mississippi Municipal Liability Plan, the city is required to be a member of the Mississippi Municipal League. The Mayor indicated that the rates from the Mississippi Municipal Service Corporation are more reasonable than could be obtained through other insurance venues. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Ordinance Relating to the Establishment of a Planning Commission. After extensive discussion of the Ordinance, the meeting was recessed at 1:54pm for the city attorney to consult with Special Counsel Mills regarding clarifications to the Ordinance.

The meeting resumed at 1:04pm. All who were present before returned.

After further discussion, Councilmember Roberson moved, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, to table the Ordinance and incorporate changes discussed by Council and/or recommended by the city attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

- c. An Inter-local Agreement with the Hancock County Board of Supervisors regarding the continued maintenance of county roads within the City Limits of Diamondhead through the end of FY 2012.

Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Roberson that the City request Hancock County to maintain all county roads within the boundaries of the City of Diamondhead, as they have done in the past and that they retain the road and bridge tax for the remainder of the current fiscal year. The motion passed unanimously.

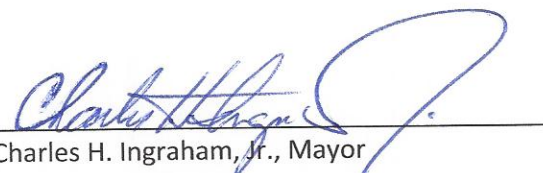
- d. Resolution to Designate March as Red Cross Month. Councilmember Ackerman moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech to accept the Resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

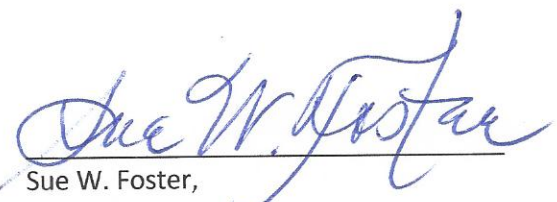
15. Citizens Wishing to Address Council, Non-Agenda Items Limit of 3 minutes per person

Mark Duffy expressed his concerns regarding the number of members of the Planning and Zoning Commission and suggested that it be limited to seven members.

Jeff Chastain inquired as to what expenses, in addition to joining the Mississippi Municipal League, that the city has incurred that payment will be delayed until funds are available. The Mayor indicated that liability insurance premium, the premium on surety bonds, the rent, have been set aside and some will have no interest charged. The City Attorney indicated that he will bear the expenses for publication with no interest.

- 16. **ADJOURN:** The Mayor announced the next formal council meeting will be held on March 5, 2012 at 6pm. There being no further business to discuss, Councilmember Roberson moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:40pm.


Charles H. Ingraham, Jr., Mayor


Sue W. Foster,
Interim City Clerk

Notice of the meeting was posted at City Hall and Diamondhead Country Club.